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SUBJ: IMPASSE REACHED IN KOREAN DIALOGUE WITH JAWORSKI

REF: STATE 119866

1. I DISCUSSED IMPASSE WITH JAWORSKI WITH FONMIN FOR SECOND TIME MID-AFTERNOON MAY 11. FONMIN, WAS SOMEWHAT TAKEN ABACK BY JAWORSKI STATEMENT, BUT THOUGHT ROK EMBASSY STATEMENT (STATE 119849) WAS JUST RIGHT. HE SAID THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY IS TAKING SIMILAR LINE (SEE SEPTTEL).

2. I NOTED THAT PRESENT PERIOD CRITICAL IN TERMS OF CONGRESSIONAL CONSIDERATION OF KOREAN RELATED LEGISLATION AND ROKG SHOULD NOT TAKE TOO MUCH COMFORT FROM VOTE ON CAPUTO AMENDMENT. I URGED KOREANS TO GO EXTRA MILE AND TAKE FURTHER STEPS TO OFFER AS MUCH COOPERATION AS POSSIBLE WITHIN FRAMEWORK VIENNA CONVENTION, INCLUDING POSSIBILITY OF INITIATING KIM DONG JO APPROACH DIRECTLY, EVEN THOUGH THIS MIGHT NOT SUFFICIENTLY SATISFY JAWORSKI'S REQUIREMENTS. FONMIN DID NOT TAKE ISSUE WITH THIS SUGGESTION, BUT I STILL SUSPECT HE MAY BE RELUCTANT TO TAKE ANY ACTION PENDING FURTHER ASSESSMENT OF CONGRESSIONAL ATTITUDES.
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